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SUBJECT: US-UK CIVAIR NEGOTIATION: REPORT ON 1ST

PLENARY

1. OPENING PLENARY OF 6TH ROUND, AM, 16 MAY, COVERED
GENERAL REVIEW OF TOPICS, CUSTOMARY ADMINISTRATIVE
ARRANGEMENTS. NEXT MEETINGS ARE 17 MAY AM, NORTH
ATLANTIC ISSUES WORKING GROUP; 17 MAY PM, TARIFF
WORKING GROUP. 17 MAY PM OR 18 MAY AM, USER CHARGES
WORKING GROUP.

A. BOYD SAID US MUST HAVE UK INDICATION OVER
NEXT 10 DAYS ON THEIR WILLINGNESS TO SHOW MOVEMENT, OF
THIS ROUND WILL BE FUTILE, ENCOURAGED SERIOUS UK
CONSIDERATION OF MOVEMENT US HAD MADE. SAID US HAD (I)
ASSUMED NEGOTIATIONS START FROM BASE POSITION AND MADE
MOVEMENT AND (II) SEEN NO EVIDENCE YET OF UK MOVEMENT.

B. SHOVELTON CALLED THIS UNFAIR. UK HAD
EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION WITH CURRENT ECONOMICS
EXCHANGE BY RENUNCIATION. SHOVELTON CITED EARLIER US
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STATEMENTS TO EFFECT US WILLING TO EXTEND ITSELF TO
MEET UK GRIEVANCES. FACT OF MATTER IS IN 1ST 7 MONTHS
NO US MOVEMENT. SHOVELTON HAD MADE SIGNIFICANT MOVES
DESPITE STRONGEST PRESSURES FROM UK AIRLINES AND SOME
UK DEL MEMBERS ON DOUBLE DESIGNATION, ROUTES, AND
CAPACITY. CITED FACT UK HAD GIVEN UP 50-50 CAPACITY
SPLIT POSITION; CLAIMED US HAD MADE NO MOVEMENT ON

ROUTES. BOYD REPLIED THAT, WHILE UK SAID IT HAD ABANDONED 50-50 AND WOULD ADHERE TO FAIR AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY. ETC., US FOUND THESE STATEMENTS UNSUBSTANTIATED; UK DESIGNATION AND ROUTE POSITIONS WOULD ACHIEVE SAME EFFECT.

C. ASSESSMENT. SIDES REMAIN FAR APART ON MAJOR ISSUES. US DEL CONTINUES OF FIRM VIEW THAT UK HAS MADE NO MOVEMENT, AND THAT MOVEMENT MUST COME FROM UK DEL IN VIEW SUBSTANTIAL US CONCESSIONS ON DESIGNATION AND CAPACITY.

2. REGARDING OTHER ISSUES:

A. SHOVELTON MADE EXPECTED STATEMENTS RE LAKER AND CONCORDE AT WASHINGTON. BOYD PROMISED PAPER ON DOT POSITION RE CONCORDE WEDNESDAY, ASSERTED LAKER NOT TO BE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE MOU, BUT RATHER SHOULD COME WITHIN SCOPE OF NEW BILATERAL.

B. SHOVELTON ASKED DIRECT QUESTION ABOUT US POSITION ON GATWICK, NOTING WE HAD NOT SAID MUCH IN PAST. BOYD GAVE GENERAL RESPONSE THAT US OPPOSES DESIGNATING AIRPORTS IN BILATERAL AGREEMENTS, PROMISED FORMAL RESPONSE LATER.

C. US DEL PASSED US DOCUMENTS 16 (CHANGE OF GUAGE) AND 39 (DRAFT CUSTOMS ARTICLE).

US DEL ASKED UK VIEW OF CARIBBEAN. SHOVELTON DID NOT RECALL DELL'S PROMISE TO COOPER TO "REFINE" UK CARIBBEAN ROUTE REQUEST.

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